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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington, D.C. 20231

Attorney's Docket Number: 6530.0008-03

Prior Application:

Art Unit: 3309

Examiner: Unknown

SIR: This is a request for filing a

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/806,386 filed February 27, 1997 of Charles R. SLATER for BIPOLAR ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL SCISSOR BLADES AND INSTRUMENT INCORPORATING THE SAME.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 08/806,386 as originally filed on February 27, 1997.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3. ☒ Cancel Claims 2-39.
4. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 and 4 above.

For	:	Number Filed	:	Number Extra	:	Rate	:	Basic Fee \$690.00
Total	:		:		:		:	
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6. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
7. ☒ With the exception of the filing fee of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R.

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§ 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916, Applicant awaits a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application before paying the filing fee.

8. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence:

This is a ☐ continuation ☒ division of application Serial No. 08/806,386, filed February 27, 1997, which is a division of application Serial No. 08/354,992, filed December 13, 1994.

9. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.

10. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: Symbiosis Corporation, as evidenced by the Assignment recorded at Reel 7284, Frame 0786.

11. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ in _____ (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy

☐ is enclosed or ☐ is on file in the prior application.

12. ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status

☐ is enclosed or ☐ is on file in the prior application.

13. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to, among others, Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610.

14. ☒ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.

15. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of a Revocation of Power of Attorney and Power of Attorney filed in the prior application is enclosed.

16. ☒ Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT and DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315.

17. ☒ Recognize as associate attorneys: Barbara C. McCurdy, Reg. No. 31,120; Leslie I. Bookoff, Reg. No. 38,084; Susanne C. Tinker, Reg. 44,472, Finnegan, Henderson et al., 1300 I Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20005-3315.

18. ☐ Also enclosed is _____

PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, serial no. 08/806,386, filed February 27, 1997, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

By: Albert Santorelli by Suzanne C. Fisher
Albert J. Santorelli Reg. No. 44,472
Reg. No.: 22,610

Date: January 18, 2000